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– Party Leader John Briceño

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BYM's PUNTA PULSE

Over the weekend, the People's United Party hosted two successful events in Belize's 'Kulcha Capital', Dangriga. On Friday night, the Belize Youth Movement (BYM) organised a star-studded musical extravaganza with some of the major Garifuna artists at the Dangriga Multi-purpose Park.

The cultural concert held under the theme PUNTA PULSE: feel dih Riddim, live dih Kulcha brought out a massive audience to witness the pulsating vibration of the DJs Young Generals, VX Sounds, with DJ Peblz and DJ Jessie J, Bussa B, Hubee, the General, Supa G, SweetPain, and the Godfather of Punta Rock, Chico Ramos.

While the concert was the main feature of the night, there was an array of MSMEs selling their culinary wares. Importantly, this event highlighted a glimpse of the park's economic potential upon completion. Just one of the developments Dr. Louis Zabaneh spoke about at the National Party Council (NPC) the following day.

SATURDAY's NPC

On Saturday, July 4, 2026, Area Representatives, constituency delegates, and Tru' Blu' party supporters rolled into the Russell Chiste Garcia Auditorium for the NPC, the second-highest institution in the People's United Party (PUP) political hierarchy, with the highest being the National Convention. In attendance were the various party arms, the BYM, the UWG, the ODS and the PUP Marshall.

The PUP Secretary General of the PUP Secretariat, Collet Montejo, called the roll, and thereafter the Chairman, Henry Charles Usher, officially called the meeting to order, with the Secretariat establishing a quorum. Usher then reported on the party's status. After a video presentation of the various development since the PUP took office in 2020, from infrastructure to housing, land clinics, free education, the Chairman said "*Delegates, I am proud to report the work continues, despite the challenges the work continues, this is a working People's United Party Government, this is a Government led by the Honourable John Briceño, who continues to deliver every single day. The transformation in this country has been incredible*!"

Mayor of the Dangriga Town Council, Robert Mariano, gave the Welcome Address, expressing gratitude to the National Executive for the honour of hosting the NPC in Dangriga. It was also a proud moment for Dr. Louis Zabaneh, the Area Representative of Dangriga, to showcase the great works that have been happening in Dangriga since the PUP took the reins of government after 13 years under a vindictive, incompetent, and corrupt UDP administration. "*Within just the past five years, when you come into our constituency at Hope Creek, you'll be passing by a housing area for which we have been able to issue out over 500 house lots, right there in Hope Creek. Never before has this constituency been able to benefit from having a piece of the Jewel as under this PUP administration*," Doctor Zab noted. Additional lots have been given out in Silk Grass Village, street and road construction, the 1.4 million ITVET transformation with 450 students being educated at the institution, the paving of the stretch of road from the Drums of my Father monument to the Commerce Bight pier, a two-million-dollar investment. In his closing remarks, Dr. Zab said that "*We the people in Dangriga are grateful; we have benefited just like the rest of the country. When it was said that we in the South were forgotten, our Prime Minister in the North did not forget the South*."

Following Dr. Zab's presentation, the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Cordel Hyde, took the podium, incisively cautioning his colleagues that complacency is not an option and the dire need to realign with the party's philosophy - Serve the People. Hyde emphasised that "*We have to stay focused. They say keep the main thing, and the main thing is the people*." The DPM deliver a stark reminder to them about the result of the 2008 General Elections, when only six members of the PUP won a seat, forming the Opposition at the time. "*Six of us won, and all of our people lost everything. All of our people lost their jobs. They took away the land that we gave them. They can't get their house. They can't send their children to school. They can't get healthcare because they are PUPs*." Hyde then advised, "*So we have a responsibility to make sure that we win so PUPs can be alright."* Adding "*But this is the point, let us not do anything to make our party weak. And let us do everything to make our party strong. Let us put ourselves last and put our country first*!" "*Mek wih gih dih people weh them deserve. Mek wih give them the best ah we. Because when the People's United Party win everybody wins*." The DPM then introduced the Prime Minister to the tune

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PRESS RELEASE

Prime Minister Convenes Special Cabinet Meeting on Procurement Best Practices and Legislative Compliance

Belmopan, July 8, 2026.

Prime Minister, Honourable John Briceño, chaired a special meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, attended by all Ministers and their respective Chief Executive Officers. The dedicated session featured in-depth presentations from the Financial Secretary, the Contractor General, and the Auditor General on procurement best practices, followed by comprehensive discussions on the legislative framework governing public procurement.

The gathering of the full Cabinet, alongside the administrative heads and accounting officers of every ministry, underscores the Administration's firm commitment to strengthening governance, enhancing transparency, and ensuring strict adherence to the country's procurement laws.

During the session, the Financial Secretary outlined the fiscal and economic imperatives for efficient public procurement, while the Contractor General presented on national best practices, common irregularities, and practical steps to achieve value for money. The Auditor General provided an evidence-based review of recurring audit findings and highlighted opportunities to tighten internal controls across all government entities.

Prime Minister Briceño described the meeting as a critical component of the government's ongoing public sector transformation agenda.

The discussions centred on the key provisions of the Finance and Audit Reform Act (FARA), the Stores Orders and their accompanying regulations. Cabinet members and Chief Executive Officers engaged in candid dialogue on improving compliance, streamlining approval processes, and eliminating bureaucratic delays that can lead to cost overruns or procedural breaches.

Among the immediate outcomes of the meeting was a directive by the Prime Minister for the Ministries of Finance and the Public Service to collaborate with the Offices of the Contractor General and the Auditor General to design a mandatory, continuous professional development programme on procurement procedures for all Ministers, CEOs, Financial Officers, and senior procurement officers. Additionally, a technical working group will be established to review and recommend any necessary legislative amendments to strengthen the procurement regime against malpractices.

The Office of the Prime Minister reaffirms that similar high-level oversight sessions will continue across the public service to foster a culture of responsible decision-making, continuous improvement, and effective service delivery.

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EDITORIAL

Belize, Always First

In case there is any doubt, the pictures of the People's United Party's NPC at the Russell "Chiste" Garcia Auditorium, in beautiful Dangriga Town, in the southern district of Stann Creek, were as packed as it should be. For the trolls, the haters, and the Juls-type, the event was not a National Convention; it was the PUP's National Party Council. The PUP's NPC comprises six delegates per constituency, who make up the bulk of the PUP's decision-making body. The other NPC members include the PUP's National Executive, the Area Representatives, the Standard Bearers, Party Arm Executives, Elected Town Mayors and Councils, and the Party Leader's Delegates. The Auditorium in the Culture Capital was full to capacity for an NPC. To soothe the bravado of those who keep lying to the Belizean people, a PUP convention coming up will see a turnout of over 15 thousand. Can the PUP muster that level of support and delegates today, given the trumped-up mirage of accusations levelled by the fake media? Yes, Belizeans believe in the PUP and that it works and serves Belize first.

Today, most anyone who dares utter the truth and celebrate progress in Belize is subject to the UDP snakes and piranhas. Today, the UDP has no strategy other than spending its benefactor's money on chatbots and fake news. These entities exist to commit fraud and mislead people, including Social Media algorithms. This onslaught began in the last Municipal Elections and continued into the 2025 General Elections. The results are documented in election history—the people of Belize know the difference between being bamboozled and the reality of sustained jobs with better pay, higher purchasing power than ever and constant food at the table.

At the NPC in Dangriga, two people went up to the Q&A microphones, which are worth mentioning here. One was the reigning Ms Belize, who has represented us abroad and travelled the nation, figuratively and literally, to embrace it. She has received adulation from children and adults alike for her alluring personality and daring opinion. Then at the NPC, she spoke from her heart and with her God-given intelligence. She spoke truth to power, and PM Briceño masterfully addressed it. But her comments struck a nerve with the anti-Belizean, anti-progress, pro-news manufacturing personas. These UDP-type were quick to spit out their venom masked as beef.

The other person who dared to approach the NPC microphones was a UDP mole who came directly across from a UDP meeting across town with the sole intention of subverting Belize. He was not a delegate with business in the auditorium, but he was given his 15 seconds of distaste. That is the UDP way—attack the good in Belize in order to become a mass party someday. The UDP's Juls attack Belizean Progress and subvert the truth to see who will be fooled. Let us count how many times this method has failed: Municipal Elections 2018, Village Council Elections 2019, General Elections 2020, Municipal Elections 2021, Village Council Elections 2022, Municipal Elections 2024, General Elections 2025, Village Council Elections 2025. The people are entertained by the UDP's extinction and the futile attempts to revive themselves via the lord's favour and the UDP media's bile. The people crave progress, not the UDP's horrid negativity.

The Prime Minister and cabinet are making concrete moves that are being lauded by thinkers such as Ms Belize, IFIs, non-political organisations, and other countries. These moves have placed procurement ills at the centre as a must-fix. The Cabinet, this past Tuesday, convened a special meeting with probably an unprecedented set of attendees, which included all Ministers and their respective Chief Executive Officers, who participated in a dedicated session that featured in-depth presentations from the Financial Secretary, the Contractor General, and the Auditor General on procurement best practices, followed by comprehensive discussions on the legislative framework governing public procurement. The audit of the Defence Ministry is ongoing with a report due in less than 90 days. But the John Briceño government is not standing idly by; it is being proactive.

The people of Belize want a higher level of accountability and transparency from their government. This will include clarity on what the Vasquez-manipulated speed-scrolls of filtered screenshots actually mean. The people would also want to know that the government is following the best system of business fairness and that there is value for money in spending collected taxes. In other words, the day-to-day procurement of goods must be carried out in accordance with a system of the highest standards of oversight. People expect the best honest service. The planBelize government will handle this endeavour innovatively just as they were masterful with the world-renowned Blue Bond. Everyone is saying this is the way to go, except the unconfessed UDP. Any good that the PUP does relegates the UDP to perpetual opposition—3030 is the facetious year suggested, but it could be their reality.

Belize is first in the PUP's agenda; all of planBelize's key pillars and themes address how the PUP serves the people; the Belizean people first, as planBelize is followed by its leaders, creating winning with jobs access, health care access, land access, houses for single parents, and education working for the jewel. The truth shall make you free: for the PUP, Belize and its people are always first.

en Español

Belice, Siempre Primero

Por si hubiera alguna duda, las imágenes del Consejo Nacional del Partido (NPC) del Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) en el Auditorio Russell «Chiste» García, en la preciosa localidad de Dangriga, en el distrito meridional de Stann Creek, mostraban un aforo tan completo como cabía esperar. Para los trolls, detractores y seguidores de Juls, el evento no fue una Convención Nacional, sino el Consejo Nacional del Partido del PUP. El Consejo Nacional del Partido (NPC) del PUP está compuesto por seis delegados por circunscripción, quienes constituyen la mayoría del órgano decisorio del PUP. Entre los demás miembros del NPC se encuentran el Ejecutivo Nacional del PUP, los representantes de área, los abanderados, los ejecutivos de las ramas del partido, los alcaldes y concejales electos, y los delegados del líder del partido. El auditorio de la capital cultural se llenó hasta el colmo para una reunión del NPC. Para calmar la bravuconería de quienes no dejan de mentir al pueblo beliceño, se afirma que la próxima convención del PUP contará con la asistencia de más de 15 000 personas. ¿Puede el PUP reunir hoy ese nivel de apoyo y delegados, teniendo en cuenta el espejismo creado por las acusaciones falsas de los medios de comunicación? Sí, los beliceños creen en el PUP y en que este funciona y antepone los intereses de Belice.

Hoy en día, casi cualquiera que se atreva a decir la verdad y a celebrar el progreso en Belice se ve acosado por las serpientes y las pirañas del UDP. Hoy en día, el UDP no tiene otra estrategia que gastar el dinero de su benefactor en chatbots y noticias falsas. Estas entidades existen para cometer fraude y engañar a la gente, incluidos los algoritmos de las redes sociales. Esta ofensiva comenzó en las últimas elecciones municipales y se extendió hasta las elecciones generales de 2025. Los resultados quedan documentados en la historia electoral: el pueblo de Belice sabe distinguir entre lo que le engañen y la realidad de empleos estables con mejores salarios, un poder adquisitivo más alto que nunca y comida constante en la mesa.

En el NPC de Dangriga, dos personas se acercaron a los micrófonos durante la ronda de preguntas y respuestas, lo cual merece ser mencionado aquí. Una de ellas era la actual Miss Belice, que nos ha representado en el extranjero y ha recorrido el país, en sentido figurado y literal, para abrazarlo. Ha recibido la admiración tanto de niños como de adultos por su personalidad cautivadora y sus opiniones audaces. Allí, en el NPC, habló desde el corazón y con la inteligencia que Dios le ha dado. Dijo la verdad al poder, y el primer ministro Briceño respondió con maestría. Pero sus comentarios tocaron la fibra sensible de quienes son antibeliceños, antiprogresistas y partidarios de fabricar noticias. Estos tipos del UDP no tardaron en escupir su veneno disfrazado de queja.

La otra persona que se atrevió a acercarse a los micrófonos del NPC fue un infiltrado del UDP que vino directamente de una reunión del UDP celebrada al otro lado de la ciudad, con la única intención de socavar a Belice. No era un delegado que tuviera nada que hacer en el auditorio, pero se le concedieron sus 15 segundos de repugnancia. Así es como actúa el UDP: atacar lo bueno de Belice con el fin de convertirse algún día en un partido de masas. Los «Juls» del UDP atacan el progreso beliceño y tergiversan la verdad para ver a quién engañan. Contemos cuántas veces ha fracasado este método: elecciones municipales de 2018, elecciones a los consejos de aldea de 2019, elecciones generales de 2020, elecciones municipales de 2021, elecciones a los consejos de aldea de 2022, elecciones municipales de 2024, elecciones generales de 2025, elecciones a los consejos de aldea de 2025. El pueblo se divierte con la extinción del UDP y con los inútiles intentos de resurgir gracias al favor del señor y a la bilis de los medios del UDP. El pueblo ansía el progreso, no la horrible negatividad del UDP.

El primer ministro y el Consejo de ministros están tomando medidas concretas que son elogiadas por pensadores como la Srta. Miss Belice, las instituciones financieras internacionales, las organizaciones no gubernamentales y otros países. Estas medidas han situado los problemas de contratación pública en el centro de la agenda como una cuestión que hay que resolver sin falta. El pasado martes, el Consejo de Ministros convocó una reunión extraordinaria con una lista de asistentes probablemente sin precedentes que incluía a todos los ministros y a sus respectivos directores generales, quienes participaron en una sesión específica en la que se presentaron ponencias detalladas a cargo del secretario financiero, el contratista general y el auditor general sobre las mejores prácticas en materia de contratación pública, seguidas de debates exhaustivos sobre el marco legislativo que regula dicha contratación. La auditoría del Ministerio de Defensa sigue en curso y se espera un informe en menos de 90 días. Pero el Gobierno de John Briceño no se queda de brazos cruzados; está actuando de manera proactiva.

Los ciudadanos de Belice quieren que su gobierno ofrezca un mayor nivel de rendición de cuentas y transparencia. Esto incluirá aclarar qué significan realmente esas capturas de pantalla filtradas que Vázquez manipuló para que se vieran a toda velocidad. La ciudadanía también querría saber que el Gobierno sigue el mejor sistema de equidad empresarial y que el gasto de los impuestos recaudados ofrece una buena relación calidad-precio. En otras palabras, la adquisición diaria de bienes debe realizarse conforme a un sistema que cumpla con los más altos estándares de supervisión. La gente espera el mejor servicio, prestado con honestidad. El gobierno de «planBelice» abordará esta tarea de forma innovadora, al igual que lo hizo magistralmente con el «Blue Bond», reconocido a nivel mundial». Todo el mundo dice que este es el camino a seguir, excepto el UDP, que no lo reconoce. Cualquier cosa buena que haga el PUP relega al UDP a una oposición perpetua: 3030 es el año irónico que se sugiere, pero podría convertirse en realidad.

Belice ocupa el primer lugar en la agenda del PUP; todos los pilares y temas clave de «planBelice» abordan la forma en que el PUP sirve al pueblo; el pueblo beliceño es lo primero, ya que los líderes del PUP siguen «planBelice», logrando éxitos en el acceso al empleo, a la asistencia sanitaria, a la tierra, a viviendas para familias monoparentales y a una educación que trabaja por esta joya de país. La verdad os hará libres: para el PUP, Belice y su pueblo son siempre lo primero.

PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY
NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Presented on July 4, 2026
Dangriga, Stann Creek
Read by Deanalee Martinez

On Solidarity with the People of Venezuela In The Aftermath of the Recent Earthquakes

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was struck by two consecutive, devastating earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude, occurring within approximately 40 seconds of each other;

WHEREAS, these earthquakes, the most powerful to hit Venezuela in over a century, were shallow in depth at 10 kilometres, causing immense destruction across vast areas;

WHEREAS, the death toll has tragically risen to 1,719 persons, with more than 5,000 injured and over 22,000 individuals receiving medical treatment in hospitals and field facilities;

WHEREAS, more than 855 buildings have collapsed or been damaged, thousands of families have been displaced, and critical infrastructure—including hospitals, commercial centres, airports, and power and water systems—has been severely impacted;

WHEREAS, the coastal state of La Guaira has been described by Venezuelan authorities as "a true tragedy," with dozens of buildings collapsed and extensive destruction;

WHEREAS, the Government of Venezuela has declared a national state of emergency and is mobilizing all available resources for search, rescue, and relief operations;

WHEREAS, the people of Belize share deep bonds of friendship and solidarity with the people of Venezuela, rooted in our shared history, our common aspirations for justice and development, and our membership in the community of Latin American and Caribbean nations;

WHEREAS, the People's United Party has always stood in solidarity with peoples affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises, recognizing our moral duty to extend compassion and support to those in distress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council of the People's United Party hereby:

1. EXPRESSES its profound sorrow and deepest condolences to the Government and people of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the tragic loss of life, injuries, and widespread destruction caused by the earthquakes of June 24, 2026;

2. EXTENDS its heartfelt sympathy and solidarity to the families of the victims, the injured, and all those who have been displaced or otherwise affected by this catastrophe;

3. COMMENDS the Venezuelan people for their resilience, courage, and unity in the face of this tragedy, and salutes the efforts of rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers who are working tirelessly to save lives and alleviate suffering;

4. CALLS UPON the international community, including regional organizations such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), to continue providing urgent humanitarian assistance and support for relief and reconstruction efforts;

5. URGES the Government of Belize to consider appropriate forms of assistance, within its capacity, to support the people of Venezuela during this time of crisis;

6. REAFFIRMS the Party's unwavering commitment to the principles of international solidarity, human dignity, and fraternal cooperation among the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean;

7. DIRECTS that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Belize, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ADOPTED by the National Party Council of the People's United Party this 4th day of July, 2026, at Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District and adopted by the unanimous consent of the National Party Council.

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Presented on July 4, 2026
Dangriga, Stann Creek
Read by Terrylee Arana

ON THE SUPPORT FOR THE SIGNING OF THE PARTIAL SCOPE AGREEMENT WITH BELIZE AND EL SALVADOR

WHEREAS, the People's United Party has always been committed to the economic advancement and prosperity of Belize and its people;

WHEREAS, the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador have successfully concluded negotiations for a Partial Scope Agreement aimed at strengthening trade and economic cooperation between the two nations;

WHEREAS, the negotiations commenced in December 2023 and progressed through multiple rounds, with all chapters of the Agreement agreed upon by August 2025;

WHEREAS, the Agreement is scheduled to be signed on the August 13, 2026 in San Salvador, El Salvador;

WHEREAS, the Agreement forms part of Belize's broader strategy to diversify export markets, deepen economic integration with Latin America, and strengthen trade and investment opportunities for Belizean businesses;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for preferential margins on tariffs, the removal of non-tariff barriers, legal protection for investments, and enhanced bilateral cooperation between Belize and El Salvador;

WHEREAS, beyond trade in goods, the Agreement establishes a framework for deeper economic cooperation, including technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in areas such as sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, innovation, production, technology, distribution, marketing, and financing;

WHEREAS, Belize has assumed the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Central American Integration System (SICA) for the period July to December 2026, further underscoring the importance of strengthening regional integration and cooperation;

WHEREAS, the Agreement will create new market opportunities for Belizean farmers, producers, and businesses, contributing to job creation and economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council of the People's United Party hereby:

1. EXPRESSES its full and unequivocal support for the signing and subsequent ratification of the Partial Scope Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador;

2. COMMENDS the Government of Belize, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, the Ministry of Investment, and all technical negotiators for their diligent work and unwavering commitment in bringing this Agreement to fruition;

3. AFFIRMS that this Agreement represents a significant step forward in strengthening economic ties between Belize and El Salvador, paving the way for enhanced trade and mutual prosperity;

4. CALLS UPON all Belizeans to support this initiative as a means of expanding Belize's economic horizons and securing a prosperous future for generations to come;

5. URGES the relevant authorities to ensure that the benefits of this Agreement are equitably distributed and that Belizean businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises and agricultural producers, are adequately prepared and supported to take full advantage of the new market opportunities;

6. REAFFIRMS the Party's commitment to regional integration and the deepening of Belize's economic partnerships within Latin America and the Caribbean;

7. DIRECTS that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Minister of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Read by Arrian Monsanto

HIGHLIGHTING THE PARTY'S ABILITY TO ATTRACT EXCELLENT WOMEN AND YOUTH CANDIDATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH 2027

WHEREAS, the People's United Party (PUP) was founded on September 29, 1950, as a peaceful, constructive Belizean revolution, with the motto "Serve the People" as the marching orders and underlying principle upon which the Party was built;

WHEREAS, the Party has consistently demonstrated its commitment to renewing its ranks and ensuring that the leadership of our municipalities reflects the diversity, energy, and talent of the Belizean people;

WHEREAS the Party's application process for candidates for Mayor and Councillor for the March 3, 2027, Municipal Elections has officially closed, with a total of 115 applications received from across Belize—including 15 individuals expressing interest in becoming mayoral candidates and 100 applying for town and city council positions in the country's nine municipalities;

WHEREAS, at the Party's 75th anniversary celebration, the PUP awarded 13 enthusiastic young people with the Youth Award and recognized 12 women who contested for the PUP in General Elections with the Gwen Lizarraga Award, underscoring the Party's deep appreciation for the contributions of women and youth to the political life of Belize;

WHEREAS, the Party has witnessed significant progress in gender representation at the local government level, with 37 women serving as Chairpersons and 336 as Councillors at the village level, representing 34% of all PUP-elected officials—a significant step forward for gender representation in local governance;

WHEREAS the Party remains committed to the principle of empowering every member of its team to lead, serve, and deliver results for the community, and believes that strong, capable women and youth candidates are essential to building a formidable slate for the upcoming municipal elections;

WHEREAS the municipal elections scheduled for March 2027 represent a critical opportunity for the Party to demonstrate its commitment to renewal, inclusion, and the cultivation of new leadership for the future of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council of the People's United Party hereby:

1. EXPRESSES its profound pride and satisfaction at the Party's ability to attract an impressive and diverse field of candidates, including a strong contingent of excellent women and youth applicants, for the upcoming March 2027 Municipal Elections;

2. COMMENDS the National Campaign Committee, the National Executive, and all Party officials for their diligent work in conducting an open, transparent, and inclusive application process that has drawn such a robust response from across the nation;

3. AFFIRMS that the high number of applications received—115 in total—signals the Party's continued strength, vitality, and appeal to Belizeans of all ages and backgrounds who are committed to serving their communities;

4. RECOGNIZES the invaluable contributions of women and youth to the Party's history and future, and reaffirms the Party's unwavering commitment to promoting gender equality and youth empowerment in all levels of political representation;

5. CALLS UPON all delegates, standard bearers, and grassroots supporters to rally behind the Party's candidates and to work tirelessly to ensure a clean sweep of all municipalities in the March 2027 elections;

6. REAFFIRMS the Party's dedication to the principles upon which it was founded—serving the people, continuing the revolution, and building a future for generations to come;

7. DIRECTS that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister and Party Leader, the Deputy Party Leader, the Party Chairman, the Secretary General, and the National Campaign Committee.

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of '*God Bless fih we Prime Minister'*.

PM Briceño climaxed the NPC addressing the brutal 13 years of the UDP, Dean Barrow administration. The wanton abuse of the People's purse. However, the PM noted that since the massive victory in 2020, the people of Belize entrusted the PUP with the responsibility to lead the nation through one of the most turbulent times in Belizean history. The borrowing of a million dollars a day to keep the lights on and pay the public officers' salaries, amongst other financial mismanagement, resulted in a spiralling of the economy. According to the PM, 50% of Belizeans did not have a job or were not working. The confidence in Belize was shaken. Briceño admitted that "*when the people elected us, they did not want any kind of excuses. They wanted leadership; they wanted a government that would work hard every single day to make their lives better. And together we answered that call, and have given you both*."

The PM continued, "*Over the past five years, the People's United Party has worked tirelessly to restore stability, to rebuild confidence, to lay the foundation of sustainable growth*." A model of good governance was applied with discipline, compassion, and determination. And as the PM submitted the data on the great work of the PUP, he alluded that "*Statistics do not show the true story; the true measure is found in the single mother who now has a home and parents who can better provide education for their children, for students who have greater access to free education at government schools countrywide*." Also, the farmers and the cattle ranchers whose livelihoods have improved.

However, the leader of the nation did not shy away from the issue going viral on social media, the procurement situation at the BDF. John Briceño said, "*The procurement of goods is not in line with the commitment to good governance, but because we remain committed to zero tolerance for corruption, we have acted*." Several instances were mentioned of UDP malfeasance and misfeasance to which Dean Barrow did not take decisive action to correct. A procurement unit will now be set up with the necessary firewalls under the PUP to stem the situation. The NTUCB and the BCCI have agreed with the Prime Minister's decision to act. John Briceño said, "*That is the difference, ladies and gentlemen, between the UDP and the PUP. We are going to act because we are always going to stand on the side of the Belizean people.*"

In his final moments on stage at the NPC, the prime minister, John Briceño, underscored that the PUP have a majority support of the Belizean electorate and that the party will fight tooth and nail to win every municipality in the upcoming Municipal Elections 2027. It is clear that the PUP is united, and when united, nobody can beat the oldest, grandest party, the PUP.

Three resolutions (transcripts are in this edition of the Belize Times) were ratified by the delegates: Solidarity with the people of Venezuela; Support for the Partial Scope Agreement with El Salvador; A mandate for greater inclusivity of young people and women in politics.

Once again, the PUP organised another successful NPC. Kudos on a job well done!

LOUDMOUTHS & NAYSAYERS

--contributed--

It's amazing how the current UDP leader harasses and attacks everyone in Government, but when her own shameful record in Government comes under scrutiny, she cries foul.

As has been conclusively documented, Tracy has absolutely no moral authority to talk about corruption, because the records show that she was centrally involved in some of the worst decisions as an integral player in Belize's most corrupt administration ever, from 2008 to 2020, under Dean Barrow and the UDP.

In fact, as everyone knows by now, and as Prime Minister John Briceño reminded us last weekend at the massive PUP National Party Council meeting in Dangriga, Tracy Panton herself, as Minister of State with full responsibility for Gaming Control, presided over renewal of the corrupt UDP's Boledo contract for Brad's Gaming Company (with alleged partial ownership by a close family member of the former Prime Minister), which saw the government and people of Belize deprived of millions upon millions of dollars under that administration.

Imagine, a deal worth $500 Million, yet only a measly $2 million annually was paid in to the government from those hefty profits under the UDP. Compare that with more than $20 million annually that is now coming into Government's coffers under the current PUP administration, a significant portion of which is being used to fund National Health Insurance (NHI) for the people of Belize, the Official Charities Fund, and Sports (which by itself now receives $2 million annually from Boledo proceeds).

Tell us, how can a person who under the UDP caused so much to be lost by the government and people of Belize, even have the nerve now to talk about corruption, about transparency and accountability?

Imagine, after selling off the farm to their friends and cronies, they want to lecture this government now about good governance and rebuke hardworking Belizeans for showing no interest in their staged, self-serving political protest.

When you look at the people surrounding Tracy, it is clear that her version of the UDP is nothing but a pack of experienced thieves eager to get back in control of the nation's affairs and resources in order to continue where they left off in November, 2020.

Exhibit A is the loud-mouthed one, also known as 'wus ting da mawnin', a nobody who became so BIG under the last UDP administration that she now owns almost 20 houses and choice properties all over the country, including valuable caye land.

Belizeans have no need and no use for that wretched gang of hardened criminals who hang out at the foot of BelChina Bridge desperately plotting their return. The country is swiftly moving forward with robust economic growth, unprecedented opportunities, and people empowerment under John Briceño and the PUP.

Yes, there might be some measure of abuse by a handful in public office, but Prime Minister Briceño is moving decisively to fix it. Yes, there are domestic and global challenges, but we keep surging ahead through dynamic leadership and unwavering faith in the Belizean people.

Damn the loudmouths and naysayers in the UDP.

Forward for Belize with the PUP!

Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Finance Assistant under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening financial and institutional systems for people-centred conservation. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

The Finance Assistant will be based in Belize City within the BBFP Unit and will provide financial and administrative support to ensure efficient and compliant project implementation. The position supports budgeting, financial reporting, procurement, contract administration, and audit processes in accordance with WWF (GEF Agency) requirements and Government of Belize financial procedures.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in budget preparation, expenditure monitoring, and financial reporting
- Maintain accurate and auditable financial records
- Validate and process payments in accordance with approved budgets
- Support procurement processes and contract administration
- Prepare financial inputs for donor reporting and Project Progress Reports
- Assist with audits, evaluations, and compliance monitoring
- Provide administrative and logistical support for project activities

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum Associate Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (bachelor's degree is an asset).
- At least three (3) years' experience in financial management, accounting, or budgeting.
- Experience in donor-funded projects, government institutions, or NGOs preferred.
- Demonstrated experience in budget preparation, financial reporting, expenditure monitoring, audit support, procurement, and contract administration.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and accounting software (e.g., QuickBooks).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing**: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"Financial Assistant TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation
For
Honey Hub Limited
For the construction of a New Access Road passing through the Freshwater Creek Forest Reserve (FCFR) interconnecting Honey Camp and Neuland Orange Walk, Belize

The general public is hereby informed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for Honey Hub Limited for the construction of a New Access Road passing through the Freshwater Creek Forest Reserve (FCFR) interconnecting Honey Camp and Neuland Community, Orange Walk, Belize. While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary which provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before the DOE takes a final decision.

The general public is therefore advised that the EIA report will be available for public review, free of charge, from July 3rd, 2026, to July 27th, 2026, (Monday to Friday) during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

1. Sandy Hunter Public Library- Orange Walk Town
2. Santa Martha Village Community Center- Orange Walk District
3. Carmelita Village Community Centre-Orange Walk District
4. Neuland Community- Corozal District
5. San Estevan Village Community Center- Orange Walk District.

The EIA report is also available on the DOE's website at the link: https://doe.gov.bz/download/honey-hub-limited/. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before July 27, 2026, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz and link: publiccommentsformhoneyhublimited

Kindly be informed that a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public consultation for the EIA report will be held on July 23, 2026, commencing at 6:00 pm. The in-person consultation will be held at San Estevan Lions Club, San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District, and an online link will be provided near the date for those participating virtually. The consultation will also be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The General Public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and/or provide input with regard to this proposed project.

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NORTHERN MEDICAL Specialty PLAZA

ORCHID DRIVE, B.S.I. AREA,
ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE
PHONE: 302-3708

Northern Medical Plaza invites applications from experienced, dynamic, energetic, self-motivated and professional individuals for the following positions:

Radiologist
General Surgeon
Dentist & Maxilofacial Surgeon

Qualification

Medical Degree
Valid License from Belize Medical Council

Applications close: July 15th, 2026
Please submit application letter and three References to:
northernmedicalhrdept@gmail.com
General Manager
Northern Medical Specialty Plaza Ltd.
Orchid Drive, BSI Area
Orange Walk Town

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Request for Bids (RFB)

Wastewater Line Relocation, Belcan Bridge

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of *30 June 2026.*
2. The *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply, installation and commissioning of a wastewater line for *Relocation of Sewer Force main, Belcan Bridge Works* . The delivery/construction period is *90 days from Start Date as specified in Section 4.19 of Bidding Document.*
3. The RFB will be conducted through the Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Belize Water Services' Bidding Document section Eligibility and Qualification Requirements *Section 2.6 and 4.21.*
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Water Services Limited, Lawrence Young, Sr. Project Manager, Technical Services Department* lawrence.young@bwsl.com.bz
5. Qualification requirements include: *copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the Bidding Document.*
6. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address above. The bidding document will be sent by email.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before *3:00 p.m. 23rd July 2026.* Electronic bidding *"shall not"* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected.
8. The address referred to above is: *Ms. Reina Gonzalez, Technical Services Manager, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.*

BWS - Delivering Water and More...

People's United Party National Party Council

Address by Party Leader

Prime Minister John Briceño, OW Central

July 4, 2026 | Dangriga, Stann Creek

My fellow members of our National Party Council, party officers, elected representatives, delegates, and the proud members of the People's United Party,

Good afternoon.

It is always my great honour to stand before the National Party Council, the heartbeat of our People's United Party. This Council has always been the place where ideas are tested, where our resolve is strengthened, and where we recommit ourselves to the building of our beloved Party and Nation. Today, we come together with gratitude for how far we have travelled these past 75 years. We remain focused, yet humbled by the work that remains, and confident in the direction we are taking our country.

Since November 2020, the people of Belize entrusted the People's United Party with the responsibility of leading our nation through one of the most difficult periods in our modern history. Let us never forget that just six years ago our economy was under tremendous pressure—Belize was bankrupted, the government was borrowing a million dollars a day and Barrow and the UDP's answer was just to borrow and borrow and borrow. Belizean families, rich and poor alike, faced uncertainty; more than 50 percent of Belizeans didn't have a job or were working part-time. Businesses struggled to survive. Confidence was shaken. When the people elected us, they did not want a government of excuses. They wanted leadership. They wanted a government that will work hard every day to make your lives better. And together, we answered the call and gave them both.

Over these past five years, our People's United Party Government has worked tirelessly to restore stability, rebuild confidence, and lay the foundation for sustainable growth. We approached governance with discipline, compassion, and determination. We understood that every decision we made had a direct impact on the lives of Belizean families. Because of this, our economy has regained momentum, and Belize is growing again. Opportunities for investment have expanded. We have and continue to strengthen our public finances while making strategic investments in the nation's future.

Across Belize, roads have been improved, schools have been upgraded, health care services have been strengthened, NHI is nationwide and critical infrastructure projects have moved forward. We have remained committed to supporting our farmers, empowering our entrepreneurs, investing in education, protecting our natural resources, and expanding opportunities for our young people.

In six years, we have doubled the Belizean economy. We have reduced the national debt for 134% to 64% saving Belizeans over $1 Billion! We have more than doubled scholarships to students from preschool to university. We are building new hospitals and renovating health clinics across the country We have reduced unenmployment to under 2%! Every person who can and wishes to work can find a job that pays them a decent wage. But statistics alone do not tell the story. The true measure of progress is found in the single mother who now owns her own home, parents who can better provide for their children, the student who has greater access and free education at government schools countrywide, the farmer who can bring products to our markets more efficiently, the entrepreneur who has the confidence to invest, the thousands of young people who are opening or plan to open a new business, the developer who is confident that if they build it people will come and our grandparents who knows that their government values their dignity. We do all these things because, for us, every policy we pursue must always begin and end with one simple question: How does this improve the lives of the people of Belize? That question has guided the People's United Party since its very beginning 75 years ago. Let us never forget that George Price instilled in our Party on the belief that government should serve the people—all the people—not the privileged few. That is why we took the Boledo from the privileged few and made it 'Fu We Boledo'.

Our Party -- this movement -- was built upon the enduring principles of social justice, equal opportunity, fairness, and respect for the dignity of every Belizean. Those values must continue to define who we are. Now I know that over the past few weeks we have seen and heard many things that may seem contrary to our values. So far, the problems at the BDF concerning the procurement of goods are not in line with our commitment to good governance. Because we remain committed to zero tolerance on corruption, I acted. In addition, I asked the auditor general for a full audit of that Ministry's procurement process. And we will audit as far back as 2015! We will not rush to judgement on this issue, instead we will allow the auditor general to examine the facts in the matter, complete the investigation and present her findings so that we can be fully aware of the facts. Once the facts have been determined, we will act accordingly. There will be no cover up. Anyone who committed any wrongdoing will be held to account.

But that cannot be the end of it. Going forward we will ensure an open, fair and transparent process for the procurement of government goods and supplies. To this end legislation will be introduced for the creation of the Central Procurement Unit in the Ministry of Finance. Through this unit, all government purchases must be advertised and contracts that are issued will be made public. There will be no more loopholes that allows for small payments to occur and reoccur. And, we will institute training for all public officers who manage procurement in every ministry and department. Now is the time for a comprehensive review of the regulations and we will do what is necessary to ensure the best practices in the spending of taxpayers' dollars.

My friends, there are moments in public life when allegations, accusations and controversy seek to define a government more than its record. In those moments, one principle must guide us above all else, that principle is that the truth matters. Truth is not always the loudest voice, but in the end, it is the one that endures. That is why, we must never lose faith in due process, in transparency, and in the institutions that exist to uncover the facts. Justice cannot rest on rumours: it must not rest on social media posts or rants: it must rest on truth. Our movement has never claimed that the road would be easy.

We know that adversity is a part of leadership. Leadership that knows how to get up when you get knocked down. We do not retreat. We do not surrender. We are the People's United Party. We learn, we persevere, and we continue the work the people elected us to do. Belize deserves a government that is focused, not on distractions, but on delivering results. We will always face challenges, but we will face them with courage, with integrity, and with confidence that the truth will prevail. Then, together, we move forward stronger, wiser, and more determined than ever. That is why values matter. That is why our actions must always be guided by our core principles. That is why we must be true to what we believe in. We believe in expanding opportunity to make the lives of Belizeans better. Better for you, the warriors of this Party who fight for us. We must fight for you; we must get you land, scholarships for your children, housing for the needed and good paying jobs.

Throughout our history, whenever Belize has faced adversity, this Party has answered with courage. When others have questioned what was possible, the People's United Party has always responded with action. That is our can-do spirit. We recognize that challenges remain, but we have never stopped working. Every day we continue striving to build a stronger, fairer, and more prosperous Belize. As representatives of the People's United Party, we each carry a responsibility to lead with integrity, to listen with humility, and to serve with compassion. Our strength lies in our unity, in our supporters across every village, town, and city. It lies in our women, our youth, and those who have dedicated their lives to this movement. Let us leave this Council renewed in our commitment to social justice, renewed in our values, renewed in our determination to serve with humility, and renewed in the spirit of our peaceful, constructive, Belizean revolution that has always defined the People's United Party.

In the coming months our Party must return to fighting form so we can go out and win convincingly in the municipal elections--and we will win all of them! From Corozal Town, to Orange Walk, Belize City, Belmopan, Benque, San Pedro, Dangriga, all the way to Punta Gorda! And we are missing San Ignacio/Santa Elena, we will win all of them.

I have no doubt in my mind that we are ready and that together we will bring victory to our Party because we are the only Party that builds and that develops Belize: always focused on the future—Future-Focussed.

May God continue to bless each of you, may God continue to bless our great People's United Party and may God continue to bless Belize.

And with the guidance of our Creator we will prevail, we will continue winning elections after elections!

Thank you, and good afternoon.

PUP… All the way

National Executive of the United Women's Group of the People's United Party

Stands Firm in Defense of Free Expression and Women in Politics

BELIZE CITY, BELIZE – July 6, 2026 – The National Executive of the United Women's Group (UWG) of the People's United Party (PUP) today issues a statement of unwavering support of Ms. Isabella Zabaneh, a dynamic young woman who has courageously voiced her opinions on matters of national importance.

In recent days, Ms. Zabaneh has faced unwarranted criticism and harsh attacks for her stance regarding government procurement thresholds. The UWG unequivocally condemns these attempts to silence a young, articulate female voice in the political discourse.

It is profoundly disheartening to witness the malicious backlash directed at Ms. Isabella Zabaneh. While not everyone may agree with her position, it is an undeniable fundamental right in any democratic society for every individual to voice their opinion. To bash a young woman for having the courage to take a stand on an issue she finds important is not only unjust but also deeply counterproductive to the advancement of women in public life.

The UWG emphasizes that such attacks are precisely why young females, and women in general, are often wary of entering the political arena. The fear of personal attacks, and the disproportionate criticism faced by women who dare to speak out creates a hostile environment that deters promising female leaders from contributing their talents to national development.

The United Women's Group remains dedicated to empowering Belizean women and promoting their active participation in all spheres of society, including leadership and politics. We stand in solidarity with Ms. Zabaneh and all women who bravely step forward to advocate for their beliefs.

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A-TIPS
Ministry of Human Development Family Support, and Gender Affairs
THIS JULY
WEAR BLUE FRIDAYS
to support raising awareness for trafficking in persons
Stand Together, Speak Up, Help End Human Trafficking

B.E.E.P BACKS ENTREPRENEURS

July 7, 2026 — Twenty-two Belizean start-up businesses have received a major boost after being selected for grant funding under the Belize Enterprise Empowerment Project (BEEP), a programme aimed at helping entrepreneurs turn promising ideas into successful and sustainable businesses.

The latest round of funding will see a total of BZ$110,000 distributed among the successful applicants, with each enterprise receiving BZ$5,000 in seed capital to support growth, improve operations and expand opportunities within their respective industries.

The announcement marks another milestone for the programme, which is funded by the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) and implemented through BELTRAIDE. This initiative continues to strengthen Belize's entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing business owners with training, mentorship and financial support at critical stages of development.

The Startup Cohort 2 attracted strong interest from aspiring entrepreneurs across the country. According to BELTRAIDE Executive Director Ishmael Quiroz, the selection process was highly competitive, with 127 applications received. From that 30 businesses were shortlisted and invited to participate in an intensive training programme. Participants were required to complete at least 80 percent of the training before advancing to the final evaluation phase, where they pitched their business concepts before a review panel.

"*Ultimately, out of that 30, 22 were successful in completing the program and successfully pitching and convincing the evaluation panel that their business was viable, innovative and stood a good chance of success*," Quiroz explained.

The successful businesses reflect the diversity of Belize's growing MSME sector. Nine operate within the creative industries, while others represent agriculture, tourism, agro-processing, professional services, light engineering and manufacturing, and information technology. The strong showing from the creative sector highlights ongoing efforts to support Belize's Orange Economy and encourage innovation-driven enterprises.

Of the 22 businesses selected, 15 are led by women and seven by men, meaning women account for 68 percent of the cohort which demonstrates a continued expansion of opportunities for female entrepreneurs and ensuring greater inclusion within the business community.

BELTRAIDE's Board Chair, Mrs. Narda Garcia credited the programme's success to the partnerships that have helped shape and strengthen the initiative over the years. She acknowledged the contributions of organizations including the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH), the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Development Finance Corporation and the CARICOM Development Fund.

"*The success we celebrate today is the result of strong partnerships and a shared commitment to entrepreneurship, Together, we have demonstrated the powerful impact that can be achieved when government, private-sector organizations, development partners and financial institutions work toward a common goal*." said CEO Garcia.

Quiroz emphasized that, "*I think we have to be thinking of how we can position ourselves as unique in the market, identifying what sets us apart,*" he said. "Innovation means doing things differently. It can involve partnerships, new approaches and a determination to see your business through to success."

Among the recipients is Darlon Usher, Chief Engineer of Mosaic Productions, a business established after his success in last year's KTV competition. Since launching the company, Usher has provided sound reinforcement services for weddings, concerts, birthdays and conferences.

"*This is definitely a major step for me and my business*," Usher said. "I am able to expand my equipment, and in doing so, I am able to provide more services for clients."

Usher added that his long-term goal is to grow the business throughout Belize and eventually offer services beyond the country's borders while maintaining a strong commitment to customer satisfaction.

Another recipient, Emma Castillo of Brush and Palette, expressed gratitude for the support received through the programme, "*Beyond the financial support, I believe the greatest gift this program has given me is confidence. Sometimes all an entrepreneur needs is someone who believes in them*," Castillo said.

Before welcoming this newest group of entrepreneurs, BEEP had already supported 73 MSMEs across several categories, including exporters, maturing businesses and start-ups. With the addition of the latest funding, total direct assistance provided through the programme now stands at BZ$788,000 reinforcing entrepreneurship as an important driver of economic growth, innovation and job creation in Belize.

36th Annual General Meeting Association of the Belize Fishermen Co-operative Association Ltd.

Keynote Address by Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministries of Investment and Civil Aviation

Distinguished Officers and Members of the Association of the Belize Fishermen Co-operative Association, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good morning.

It is a genuine privilege to stand before you today at your 36th Annual General Meeting. I bring warm greetings from the Office of the Prime Minister, and from the Ministries of Investment and Civil Aviation. I have had the opportunity of working alongside many of you for years. As CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister, and as the head of the Blue Bond and Project Finance for Permanence Unit (BBFP), I have seen firsthand the vital role you play in our nation's development.

Our theme today is one of partnership and prosperity. Your cooperative represents the very heart of Belize's fishing industry. And the Government, through my multiple portfolios, is deeply committed to ensuring that your industry not only survives, but thrives.

In 2022, Cabinet established the Blue Bond and Project Finance for Permanence Unit within the Office of the Prime Minister. Since then, the unit has been charged with ensuring that Belize meets all its commitments under the Blue Loan and Conservation Funding Agreements. Today, I want to share what this means for you.

The Belize Blue Bonds debt conversion has reduced our public debt and is earmarking approximately $180 million over two decades for marine conservation. But this is not just about conservation—it is about sustaining your livelihoods. Through the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future, we are investing directly in local fishers to build a resilient blue economy. Just recently, the Belize Fund announced over $643,000 in new grant funding for projects focused on sustainable fisheries and coastal livelihoods. This includes support for the Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association, the Wabafu Fishermen Association, and the Yugadan Fisherfolks Association. This is money flowing directly to your communities.

From Sustainable Fisheries to a Thriving Blue Economy

Healthy fisheries are the backbone of our blue economy. The Government has committed to having 30 percent of our seas under conservation protection by 2026, in line with the global "30 by 30" target. We understand that conservation cannot happen at the expense of your livelihoods. That is why we are working to ensure that sustainable management supports economic opportunity. The Resilient Bold Belize project, led by the Blue Bond Unit in partnership with WWF, focuses on creating sustainable financing for more resilient fisheries. Belize is now moving toward establishing what is expected to become the world's first Monitoring, Reporting and Verification framework for a Blue Economy. This means better data, better decisions, and better outcomes for you.

Your Cooperatives: The Engine of the Industry

Your Association represents the voice of commercial fishers across Belize. Cooperatives like yours have increased fishermen's income by providing direct access to foreign markets. Today, there are 18 fishing cooperatives in Belize, and you are the representative body for the vast majority of them. I know you face challenges—access to financing, market access, climate change impacts, and the need to strengthen cooperative governance. The Government hears you.

Through the Ministry of Investment, we are working to attract investment into fisheries value chains. We are exploring opportunities in aquaculture, seaweed farming, and boatbuilding. Through the Ministry of Civil Aviation, we are developing an air cargo hub to help get your products to international markets faster. We are also undergoing a major aviation regulatory overhaul to strengthen safety and capacity as our tourism sector grows.

A Shared Vision for the Future

Let me be clear: the success of the Blue Bond program, the success of our blue economy, and the success of our nation depend on you—the fishers of Belize. You are the stewards of our marine resources. You are the providers of food and livelihoods for our people. And you are our partners in building a sustainable future. The Government is committed to working alongside you. We are committed to ensuring that conservation funding reaches your communities. We are committed to creating the investment climate and infrastructure that will help your industry grow.

As we celebrate your 36th Annual General Meeting, I encourage you to continue strengthening your cooperatives, to embrace sustainable practices, and to seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

Together, we will build a resilient, prosperous, and sustainable future for Belize's fishing industry—and for all Belizeans.

Thank you, and may your deliberations be fruitful.

God bless you, and God bless Belize.

CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank), in accordance with Section 57 (1) of the Central Bank of Belize Act, Revised Edition 2020, intends to appoint an external auditor for the audit of its financial statements for the upcoming three-year cycle commencing January 1, 2027.

The Central Bank invites eligible public accounting firms licensed to practice in Belize to submit tenders comprising technical and financial proposals. To be considered for the award, firms must demonstrate previous experience in providing auditing services to medium or large size organizations.

Tenders must be submitted to the Central Bank and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on 7 August 2026.

Submissions must be made via email to:

Email address: internal.audit@centralbank.org.bz
Subject Line: "Firm Name" - Tender for Auditing Services

The Bank reserves the right to request additional information and to decline to accept any or all proposals.

For inquiries regarding the scope of work, please contact the Chief Internal Auditor, Central Bank of Belize, at phone number: (501) 223-6194 or email: internal.audit@centralbank.org.bz. A "Guideline for Audit Bidding" sheet will be provided upon request.

ROADSHOW BUILDS BUSINESS SUCCESS

The National MSME Roadshow 2026 is continuing its journey across Belize, giving entrepreneurs, artisans and small business owners practical tools to grow their businesses. Organized by the Office of the Prime Minister and BELTRAIDE, the nationwide initiative is once again bringing training, business support, and networking opportunities directly into communities.

Now in year three, the Roadshow is designed to strengthen Belize's micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises by making valuable services more accessible. Instead of requiring business owners to travel to Belize City, government agencies, financial institutions, and industry experts are meeting entrepreneurs where they are, offering guidance on everything from business registration to financing and digital growth.

Each stop follows a three-day format that gives participants the chance to learn new skills, formalize their businesses, and promote locally made products. The programme begins with a day of masterclasses, followed by a Business Formalization Clinic, before ending with the popular Buy Belizean Expo.

The recent Cayo leg attracted strong participation from business owners eager to improve and expand their operations. In San Ignacio, 44 participants completed the masterclass sessions, which covered topics including business incentives, digital growth, e-commerce and exporting. The programme also featured information sessions to help entrepreneurs better understand the resources available to them.

Participants then moved on to the Formalization Clinic, where they had direct access to representatives from 25 agencies and organizations. Entrepreneurs received guidance on trade licences, taxation, financing, and other essential services from institutions including the Development Finance Corporation (DFC), commercial banks, and government departments.

The Roadshow wrapped up its San Ignacio visit with the Buy Belizean Expo at the Cayo Welcome Centre. Twenty-one businesses showcased a wide range of locally made products, allowing residents to support homegrown enterprises while encouraging entrepreneurs to connect with new customers and promote their brands.

The momentum continued in Benque Viejo del Carmen, where another group of aspiring and established business owners took advantage of the free sessions. Thirty-eight participants completed the first day's masterclasses at the Cancha Marshalleck Stadium, learning about digital business strategies, online commerce, and exporting opportunities.

The afternoon programme focused on sales techniques, financial literacy and a town hall discussion where entrepreneurs were encouraged to share the challenges they face and learn about new initiatives designed to support the MSME sector.

At the San Ignacio stop, Benque participants also benefited from access to representatives from 25 supporting agencies during the Formalization Clinic. The visit concluded with another successful Buy Belizean Expo, where 26 businesses proudly displayed Belize-made products ranging from handcrafted items to locally produced foods and other unique offerings.

Organizers say the response from western Belize demonstrates the growing demand for practical business support and confirms that bringing these services into communities is making a meaningful difference. Beyond training, the Roadshow creates opportunities for entrepreneurs to build relationships, discover financing options, and gain the confidence needed to take the next step in growing their businesses.

As this newspaper goes to print, the National MSME Roadshow has arrived in Orange Walk Town for another three-day stop. Activities begin on July 9 with a full-day Masterclass at the Muffles College Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring sessions on business incentives and trade licences.

On July 10, entrepreneurs can attend the Business Formalization Clinic at the same venue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., where they will receive expert guidance, financing information, and one-on-one support from key stakeholders.

The final day, July 11, will see the Buy Belizean Expo take over Orange Walk Central Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission to all three days is free, and participants who attend every session will have the chance to win a Buy Belizean Basket and a $500 cash prize.

After successful stops in San Ignacio and Benque Viejo, the Roadshow's next destination is Orange Walk, where another group of Belizean entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to learn, connect, and grow their businesses. The next stop for the coming week is Corozal.

NATIONAL MSME ROADSHOW 2026
ORANGE WALK
JULY 9TH - 11TH
DAY 1
MASTERCLASSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS ON INCENTIVES, TRADE LICENSE AND MSME LEGISLATION
8:30 AM - 4 PM
MUFFLES COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
DAY 2
FORMALIZATION CLINIC, ACCESS TO FINANCE & STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION SESSIONS
9 AM - 3 PM
MUFFLES COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
DAY 3
BUYBELIZEAN EXPO
9 AM - 3 PM
ORANGE WALK CENTRAL PARK
SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER FOR FREE!
Attend all 3 days and you could win:
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VACANCY NOTICE OMBUDSMAN

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BELIZE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the vacant position of **OMBUDSMAN**.

Under section 3(2) of the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 5 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, the Ombudsman is a Parliamentary Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor-General, acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf. The Office of the Ombudsman is not deemed to be an office in the public service.

The Office of the Ombudsman is being transitioned into Belize's National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), in keeping with Belize's international human rights commitments and the Paris Principles. Over the coming period the mandate, functions and enabling legislation of the Office are expected to be expanded and strengthened accordingly. The successful candidate will be expected to play a central role in designing and giving effect to this transition and, in addition to the present statutory functions, to discharge an evolving human rights mandate.

Functions

The main functions of the Ombudsman are the following:

- To investigate complaints received from the public under the Ombudsman Act about the administrative acts and decisions of Central Government departments (including the Belize Police Department), local authorities, and other public statutory bodies and State-owned enterprises, involving official corruption or other wrongdoing;
- To make recommendations to the competent authorities for appropriate action against the person(s) responsible, where there is evidence of a breach of duty, or misconduct, or the commission of a criminal offence;
- To review the decisions of the authorities in accordance with Part V of the Freedom of Information Act, where access to a document has been refused by a Government department or other prescribed authority;
- To perform all other functions assigned to the Ombudsman under the Ombudsman Act or any other law.

Minimum Qualifications and Skills

Candidates should possess the following qualifications and skills:

- A Bachelor's degree in law, business or public administration, or other related discipline. Qualification as an Attorney-at-Law, or an advanced degree (LL.M) in law, would be an asset;
- A minimum of eight (8) years of relevant professional work experience;
- Demonstrated knowledge of, and expertise in, human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, including familiarity with the international and regional human rights treaty system (for example, the Universal Periodic Review, the Human Rights Council and the principal human rights treaty bodies);
- A thorough knowledge of the Ombudsman Act of Belize and the procedure prescribed therein for the investigation of complaints;
- A high level of understanding and knowledge of the laws and regulations of Belize, including a sound command of administrative and public law;
- Experience in complaint investigation and resolution in the public sector;
- Ability to deal with persons from a wide variety of backgrounds and to maintain an objective understanding of different perspectives;
- An excellent command of written and spoken English;
- Professional demeanour and impeccable credentials;
- If possible, familiarity with the workings of Ombudsman institutions in other jurisdictions.

The Ombudsman must be non-partisan and a person of integrity and high national standing.

Disqualifications

Under section 5 of the Ombudsman Act, no person is qualified for appointment as Ombudsman if he or she:

- is a member of the House of Representatives or the Senate;
- is a member of a local authority;
- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- has at any time been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude.

Age Limit

Candidates should be between 30 and 62 years of age.

Salary

Subject to negotiation and subsequent confirmation by the National Assembly.

How to Apply

Each application must include:

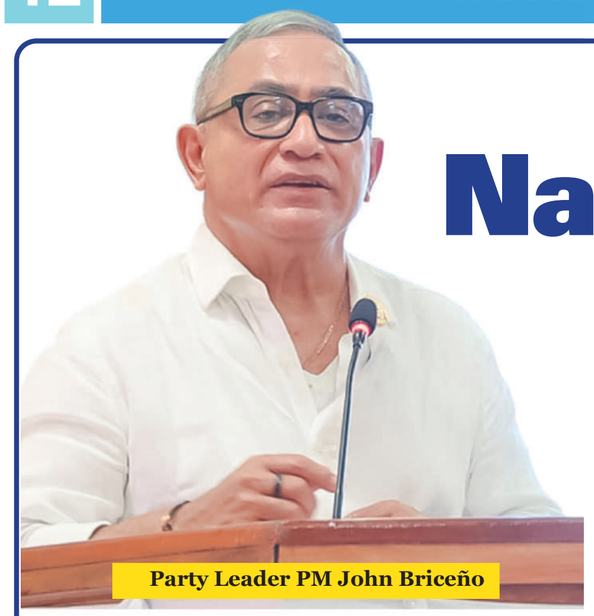
- a letter of application;
- a current curriculum vitae (CV); and
- the names and contact details of at least two (2) referees.

Deadline for Applications

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications and experience should submit their applications to the **Clerk to the National Assembly, Belmopan, at ClerkNA@bna.gov.bz and info@belizeparliament.bz no later than Friday, 24th July 2026**

People's United Party
National Party Council

Dangriga, Stann Creek | July 4, 2026



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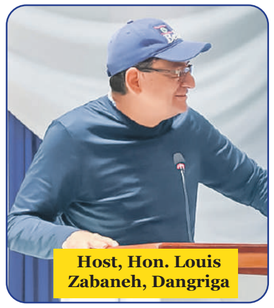

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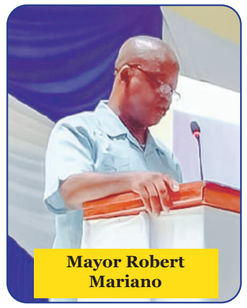

Mayor Robert Mariano

Marshalls as Flag Bearers

Party Resolutions Presented

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Terrylee Arana
Partial Scope Agreement with El Salvador

Arrian Monsanto
Youth and Women in Politics

Other Highlights

'Vamos Bien en 2026'

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Philip Goldson Highway Belize City, Belize District

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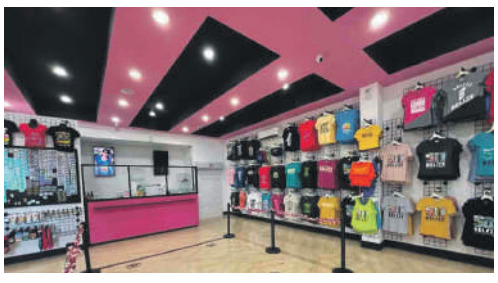

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Caribbean Shores	16	399
The freehold property of Mr. Ray Hohenkirk and Ms. Kathleen Hohenkirk.		

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NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2025

CLAIM NO. 675 OF 2025

	(CONEY DRIVE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.	**CLAIMANT**
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BETWEEN	**(AND**	
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	(EDER MEDINA	**DEFENDANTS**
	(JASMINE MEDINA	

TO: **EDER MEDINA** and **JASMINE MEDINA** both of 9 ¾ Mile Philip Goldson Highway, Ladyville, Belize District

TAKE NOTICE THAT Claim No. 675 of 2025 has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize by **CONEY DRIVE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.** with registered office situate at No. 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize in which the Claimant claims damages for breach of an agreement made partly in writing and partly oral on or about the 29th May, 2024 together with interest and costs.

AND THAT it has been ordered that Notice of this Claim be published by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said Claim you must file an Acknowledgement of Service within fourteen (14) days after the second publication of the claim at the High Court Registry. In default of your failure to file the Acknowledgement of Service, proceedings may be heard and determined in your absence and judgment may be entered against you.

The Court office is at High Court Registry, Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, Telephone No. 227-7377, Fax No. 227-0181. The office is open between 8:30a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday to Friday except on public and bank holidays.

Dated the 10th day of July, 2026.

MCKOY TORRES LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant
30 Newtown Barracks
Belize City, Belize
Ph: (501) 223-1076

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Belize City, Burrel Boom, Belize District

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1. Parcel No. 749 Diego Street Near its Intersection with Stann Ave., St. Martin Deporres West, Belize District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
St. Martin Deporres West	45	749
The freehold property of Mr. Kent Williams.		

2. 4046.86 S.M being Lot No. 4 in Fresh Pond Community, Burrel Boom Area, Belize District:

All that piece or parcel of land situate being Lot. 4 in the Fresh Pond Community, Burrel Boom Area, Belize District, being the freehold property of Mr. Chezawn Michael Ramos and Bernadine Cynthia Bull Ramos.

3. Vehicle:

2016 Charcoal Chevrolet Equinox

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LETTER TO THE Editor

Ecumenical is Next

Dear Editor,

As another school year approaches, I want to commend the Government of Belize for continuing to invest in one of our nation's greatest assets—our young people. Education remains the foundation upon which stronger families, communities, and economies are built.

The continued expansion of the Education Upliftment Project (EUP) under the theme "Together We Rise" demonstrates a genuine commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind because of financial hardship. What began as a program serving fewer than 1,000 students has now grown to benefit approximately 14,000 students nationwide.

Today, every student attending a government-owned high school can receive a secondary education free of tuition, while the program also provides uniforms, shoes, transportation assistance, healthy meals, digital devices, and internet access through the ConnectEd initiative. The inclusion of Ecumenical High School means even more Belizean families will benefit this August, with more than 1,700 additional students gaining access to opportunities that can transform their lives.

This is more than an education program—it is an investment in Belize's future workforce, entrepreneurs, professionals, and leaders. By removing barriers to education, we are opening doors that many families once thought were beyond reach.

Let us continue supporting initiatives that empower our youth, because every child educated today is another Belizean prepared to build a stronger, more prosperous nation tomorrow. Together, we truly rise.

Sincerely,

E. Ferguson

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LETTER TO THE Editor

Proud to Stand Together

Dear Editor,

Recent allegations involving two senior members of government have understandably raised concerns among Belizeans. Some have been quick to label the entire government as corrupt and have questioned why supporters of the People's United Party have not spoken louder.

As a proud PUP supporter, I respectfully disagree with that narrative.

Within the PUP, we do not believe in sweeping problems under the rug. We believe in accountability. If anyone is found to have acted improperly, they should face the appropriate consequences. Supporting due process is not the same as defending wrongdoing. Being silent on social media or choosing not to give media interviews does not mean we condone misconduct. It means we respect the proper institutions and procedures.

Our Party Leader and Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, has already made it clear that an audit will be conducted. That is the responsible course of action. Let the facts be established, let the process unfold, and let accountability prevail wherever necessary.

Leadership is not measured by pretending problems do not exist; it is measured by having the courage to confront them openly and fairly. That is how trust is built.

I remain confident that this government will continue to uphold the principles of transparency and accountability while staying focused on improving the lives of Belizeans. That is why I remain a Proud PUP and optimistic about Belize's future.

Sincerely,

A Proud Belizean

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Internal Audit Department.

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- Receive, screen, and prioritize telephone calls, emails, and other correspondence directed to the Manager's office.
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- Prepare, reconcile, and file weekly and monthly leave and attendance reports for departmental personnel.
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The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A preferred qualification of an associate's degree in business administration, or a related field from a recognized tertiary institution, with at least three (3) years of relevant experience; Possession of an Advanced (Executive) Administrative Professional Certificate will be considered a strong asset.
- A minimum qualification of an associate's degree in business administration, or a related field from a recognized tertiary institution, with at least two (2) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of office administration and confidentiality standards; Strong communication (oral and written), customer service and relation-building skills; Project management skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organizational Ability, Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Job Knowledge, Quality of Output, Deportment, Problem Solving/Judgement.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 8 July 2026**:

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (at least one must be from a previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Senior Administrative Assistant- Internal Audit Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

Belize represented by Hon. Rodwell Ferguson Assumes Presidency Central American Agricultural Council

July 1, 2026 - Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, has assumed the pro tempore presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Central American Agricultural Council (CAC) for the second half of 2026. The Central American Agricultural Council is an organ of the Central American Integration System (SICA), of which Belize is a member.

Minister Ferguson participated in a virtual meeting this morning with officials of SECAC, the Executive Secretariat of the Central American Agricultural Council, where he assumed the pro tempore presidency. Minister Ferguson was accompanied by Hon. Luis Alex Balona, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture. The meeting addressed the priorities and agenda that the pro tempore presidency will drive forward. The ministers reaffirmed the commitment to strengthen regional coordination, policy dialogue, and cooperation among member countries to advance an agricultural agenda that is resilient, sustainable, and focused on food security for Central America and the Dominican Republic.

CAC continues to strengthen regional integration to promote the sustainable development of the agricultural sector and the well-being of rural families, especially in the face of regional and global threats to agriculture such as Fusarium, African Swine Fever, and Avian Flu.

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Public Notice
Opening of the Lobster Fishing Season

June 29, 2026.

The Fisheries Department takes this opportunity to inform all fishers and the public that, in accordance with the Fisheries Resource Act and the Subsidiary Regulations, the Caribbean Spiny Lobster (Panulirus argus) fishing season will open from July 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027.

Fishers and the public are encouraged to follow the lobster fishery regulations:

1. Minimum carapace length is three inches.
2. Minimum tail weight is four ounces.
3. It is illegal to have in possession any soft-shell (moulting) lobster or female with eggs (berried).
4. It is illegal to remove from any female lobster any eggs or spawn or the setae or fibre with any eggs or spawn attached.
5. No person or establishment should have in possession filleted or diced lobster tail.

The Fisheries Department advises the public to report any illegal fisheries activity by calling telephone number 224-4552 or by emailing Fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz

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Public Notice
Closure of the Florida Stone Crab Fishing Season

June 30, 2026.

The Fisheries Department takes this opportunity to inform all fishers and the public that, in accordance with the Fisheries Resources Act and Statutory Instrument No.108 of 2022, the Florida Stone Crab (Menippe mercenaria) fishing season is declared closed from July 1 to September 30, 2026.

Any person or establishment found in possession of the stone crab during the closed season will be prosecuted in accordance with the Fisheries Resources Act No.7 of 2020.

The Fisheries Department advises the public to report any illegal fisheries activity by calling the telephone number 224-4552 or by emailing Fisheries_department@ fisheri es.gov.bz

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Belize Enacts Climate Change & Carbon Market Initiatives Act, 2026

June 26, 2026 - The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce the enactment of the Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Act, 2026 (Act No. 13 of 2026), which establishes Belize's first comprehensive legal framework for climate change governance and for regulated participation in carbon markets.

The Act received assent from Governor-General H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam on June 18, 2026, and was gazetted on June 20, 2026.

Among its key provisions, the Act formalises the Climate Change Department, strengthens Belize's institutional capacity for coordinating climate action and national reporting, and establishes the legal basis for carbon reduction and removal projects, benefit-sharing, and registry functions, ensuring that any engagement in carbon markets is governed by national priorities and public interest.

Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, underscored the significance of the legislation:

"This Act puts Belize in a stronger position to advance our climate agenda on our own terms. It gives us the institutional architecture and the legal clarity to pursue low-emission development, and engage in carbon markets in a way that serves the Belizean people and reflects our national priorities."

With the foundation now established, the next phase will focus on implementation, including supporting regulations, standards, procedures, and systems. The Ministry will continue working with national institutions, civil society, the private sector, communities, and technical partners to ensure implementation is transparent, practical, and nationally beneficial. (release)

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Corozal North, San Joaquin/ San Maximo Village, Corozal District; Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District; Caribbean Shores, Ladyville, San Pedro, Belize District; Santa Elena, Cayo District.

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1. Parcel No. 4013 Corozal North, Corozal District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	4013
The freehold property of Mr. Leroy Westby.		

2. Parcel No. 296 San Joaquin Village, Corozal District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Joaquin/San Maximo	1	296
The freehold property of Mr. Wilbert P. Linares		

3. Parcel No. 1447 Carmelita Village, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Carmelita	4	1447
The freehold property of Mr. Roamir Edwardo Gonzalez.		

4. Parcel No. 1781 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Vista Del Mar	16	1781
The freehold property of Mr. Andre Keron Kalique Gill Card.		

5. Parcel No. 972 Caribbean Shores, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores	16	972
The freehold property of Mr. Edmond Chee surety for The Pew Pew Store -Guns & Ammo C0. Ltd.		

6. Parcel No. 1174 off Loma Luz Boulevard, Santa Elena, Cayo District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Santa Elena/Cayo	23	1173 & 1174
The freehold property of Mr. Gianni Jerald Castillo.		

7. Vessel:

45ft Fiberglass Catamaran

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BELIZE JOINED REGIONAL LEADERS AT CARICOM SUMMIT

By Hilly Bennet

On Sunday, July 5, 2026, leaders of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) convened in Castries, Saint Lucia, for the 51st Ordinary Meeting of the Heads of Government of CARICOM that was held under the theme "From Resilience to Renewal in a Changing World." Prime Minister John Briceño was represented by the Attorney General, Anthony Sylvester, who led the Belize delegation.

At the backdrop of the meeting is an ongoing concern of the need for unity versus division and cooperation rather than confrontation, especially in the increasingly complex political climate, and consequential pressure within the grouping.

Interestingly, CARICOM member states have had to navigate the US pressures regarding their support for Cuba and the need to steer against the issue of US President Trump's trade tariffs. However, the Caribbean Community's greatest challenge is that of navigating the tensions amongst its 15-member affiliates. CARICOM's current Secretary General, Dr Carla Barnett's reappointment for another term has fostered tension and became a focal point in the discussion at a retreat scheduled for the meeting. Barnett became the target of criticism by the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, following her reappointment in February 2026. PM Persad-Bissessar has asked the Heads to request that an advisory opinion be obtained from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). Remarkably, instead of rebutting the Trinidadian Prime Minister in her remarks during the opening of the meeting, Barnett held her composure and reported the achievements of the regional body under her tenure since becoming Secretary General of the august body.

The expansion of the categories of free movement of skilled workers across the 15 member states, increased investment in agriculture aimed at reducing the region's dependence on imported food and the attempt to alleviate the security and governance crisis that continues to plague Haiti.

Barnett proffered that, "Over the past five years, we have organized a relatively large number of CARICOM Electoral Observer Missions, the most recent being Antigua and Barbuda and The Bahamas, this year. "Also, we continue to expand our associate membership." Curacao, the Dutch Caribbean island, became an associate member two years ago, and Martinique was added to the fold as an associate member last Sunday.

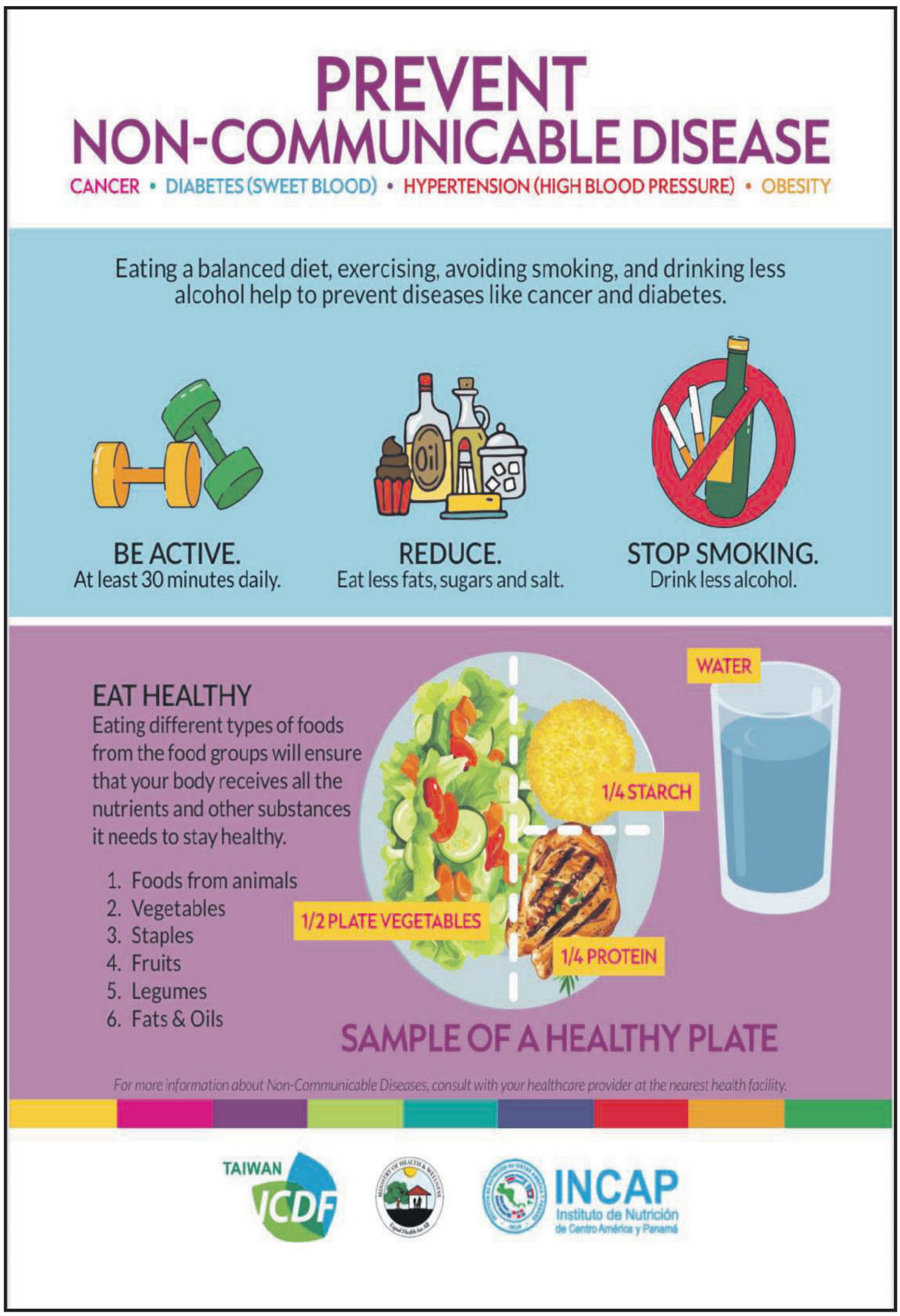
CARICOM's incoming Chairman, the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Philip J Pierre, utilised his opening remarks to address the division and distrust regarding CARICOM's usefulness in the global environment of uncertainties, climate change, and geopolitical tensions. Pierre urged the leaders to "act with clarity, urgency, and unity", to safeguard CARICOM's long-term future.

Pierre acknowledged that as the people of the Caribbean continue to face the challenges of higher food prices and fuel costs, the cost of living, and rampant crime, the people are asking what is the benefits of the regional bloc.

The St Lucian Prime Minister said, "*CARICOM must move from conference rooms to communities, from rhetoric to reality, from communiques to results*." signalling "*Our people must be able to see and feel the benefits of regional cooperation*."

In closing, Pierre vehemently cautioned, "*It is not enough for us to agree with principle. We must implement in practice. It is not enough for us to speak of integration. We must make integration work for the ordinary citizen. It is not enough for our decisions to be recorded. It must be acted upon, be measured and followed through….Every decision we take must be connected to the lived experiences of the Caribbean people.*" His concluding statement echoed that of the Belizean Government, "*When the Caribbean speaks with one voice, when we act together, when we negotiate as a bloc, our collective influence is far greater*."

The Belizean delegation promoted deeper regional integration, stronger climate resilience, and coordinated responses to the challenges facing the Small Island Developing States. AG Anthony Sylvester provided an update on the Belize-Guatemala relations and other national issues.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3. Staples
4. Fruits
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For more information about Non-Communicable Diseases, consult with your healthcare provider at the nearest health facility.
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Super Nationals – High School CROWNS CHAMPIONS

July 7, 2026

Belize's inaugural Super Nationals concluded on a high note after two weeks of spirited competition, with the Belize District emerging as the dominant force by capturing the first-ever High Schools Football Championship for boys and the High Schools Volleyball Championship for girls. The landmark event, organised by the National Sports Council (NSC), brought together nearly 800 primary and secondary school athletes from all six districts, marking a significant milestone in the development of youth sports in the country.

The boys' football championship was contested at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City from June 29 to July 3. Belize

District claimed the historic title following an impressive campaign that showcased skill, teamwork and determination. Toledo District finished as runners-up, while Stann Creek District secured third place. Individual honours also went to Belize District players, with Deon Meighan earning the Most Valuable Player award, Rodrigo Flores finishing as the tournament's leading goal scorer, and Eric Rodriguez receiving recognition as Best Goalkeeper.

At the same time, the girls' volleyball championship unfolded at Swift Hall in the St. Martin De Porres Parish, where Belize District also captured the inaugural crown. Toledo District claimed second place, with Stann Creek District

taking third. Chloe Bowman was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Best Server, while teammate Hannah Auil was awarded Best Attacker after an outstanding performance throughout the competition.

The championships concluded with an awards ceremony held Friday evening at the Belize City Civic Center. Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Diaspora Relations, Hon. Anthony Mahler, and Minister of State Hon. Devin Daly presented trophies and medals to the top-performing districts and celebrated the

achievements of the young athletes who represented their schools and communities with pride.

Beyond the medals and trophies, the Super Nationals are being described as the beginning of a long-term investment in Belize's sporting future. The games featured football, volleyball, basketball and athletics, creating opportunities for student-athletes from every district to compete against the nation's best while strengthening friendships and sportsmanship.

In his address, Minister Mahler emphasised

that the initiative was designed to identify talented young athletes while also helping them develop important life skills. He said the event reflects a shared vision to provide Belize's youth with greater opportunities to succeed both on and off the playing field.

"***This is a vision that Minister Devin Daly and I have… that we want to put the best people in to give them the best opportunity to do their best***," Mahler asserted.

He reminded students that the value of sports extends beyond competition, encouraging them to use the discipline, teamwork, and perseverance gained through athletics to achieve success in education and everyday life.

"*Sports teach you life skills that you need in your daily life… Each of you in here has an opportunity to use sports as a beacon to educate yourself*," he added.

Looking ahead, the minister announced that the government intends to increase investment in the programme for next year's edition, with the goal of raising the overall standard of competition. He also revealed plans to invite international scouts to future championships, creating pathways for talented Belizean athletes to gain overseas exposure, advanced training opportunities and potential scholarships.

"*We'll see you next year. And the goal is to start bringing in scouts to look at you, to take you outside of Belize so that you can get even better training and you can go as far as you want to go,*" Mahler said.

Following the success of this inaugural staging and confirmation of an expansion of the Super Nationals in 2027 by introducing additional sporting disciplines. With strong participation from schools nationwide and enthusiastic support from athletes, coaches and officials, the event has established a promising foundation for what many hope will become Belize's premier national youth sporting competition for generations to come.

DIGI INVESTS IN DREAMS Securing Belize's Future

July 7, 2026 — Fifty-seven Belizean students are preparing for the new school year with more than just excitement. They are also carrying the confidence that comes from knowing their education will be supported after receiving the 2026 Digi Scholarship from Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL).

The scholarship programme, now in its 35th year, reached a major milestone by expanding beyond high school students for the first time. This year, forty students entering high school and seventeen beginning junior college were selected to receive assistance with tuition, books, school supplies, internet connectivity, and mentorship throughout their studies.

This cohort of recipients was chosen from more than 200 applicants during a ceremony celebrating academic achievement and determination. This initiative is an investment in Belize's future and a commitment to helping young people reach their full potential.

BTL Chief Executive Officer Ivan Tesucum said, "Today every one of us sees the future of Belize in this room. We're looking at students who have worked hard, who stayed focused, who kept trying, and who have earned this moment," Tesucum said.

Digi invests more than $300,000 every year into its scholarship programme because education continues to be one of the strongest tools for national development. This year's theme, "Go Further," encourages students to keep pushing forward even when challenges arise.

"It does not mean you will never face challenges; it means that when school gets difficult, you keep going. It means that every day, little by little, you choose discipline over distraction, consistency over convenience or comfort, effort over excuses, and purpose over fear," he told the students.

For one scholarship recipient, the award represents much more than financial assistance. Muffles freshman Silverio Hernandez said, "God gave me the chance, and I got this scholarship, and I'm very happy, and I want to make the most out of this scholarship to become someone in life. My dream is to become a lawyer, or in other words, you call it an attorney," Hernandez shared.

This scholarship provides students with resources designed to help them succeed throughout their academic journey. It combines financial support, internet access, and mentorship and aims to remove barriers that often prevent students from reaching their goals.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ramon Cervantes Jr., "*Today is a message of congratulations, first of all, on this great accomplishment, and also encouraging you to continue your studies, to pursue your dreams, and to pursue your ambitions to the maximum of their potential*," he said.

One of the biggest changes introduced this year is the addition of junior college scholarships focused entirely on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). All seventeen sixth-form recipients are pursuing studies in those fields, reflecting Digi's growing transformation from a traditional telecommunications provider into a technology-driven company.

Tesucum explained that the company has already launched internship opportunities for students interested in STEM careers, placing young Belizeans in areas such as network operations, information technology, corporate infrastructure, and cybersecurity. The long-term goal is to identify talented students early, provide them with practical experience, and eventually welcome them into the company's workforce.

He noted that introducing tertiary scholarships is especially meaningful as Digi celebrates 35 years of supporting education. The company believes investing in STEM students today will help prepare Belize for tomorrow's technology-driven economy while creating opportunities for young professionals to build successful careers at home.

Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, Dr. Leroy Almendarez, "*Today is more than an award ceremony; it's a celebration of hope, it's a celebration of perseverance. It's a celebration of what becomes possible when talent meets opportunity and when a nation chooses to invest in its young people*," Almendarez said.

Since launching the scholarship programme in 1991 with just twenty-five awards, Digi has steadily expanded its reach. Following this year's successful rollout, the company says it hopes to increase the programme to seventy-five scholarships in 2027, allowing even more Belizean students to go further in their education and future careers. (EF)

INVITATION TO BID

INSTITUTION: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Tender: Procurement of Solid Waste Transfer Stations and Regional Sanitary Landfill Services (LOT-Based)

The Government of Belize, acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified service providers for the provision of **Loading, Hauling, Transfer, Disposal and Associated Solid Waste Management Services (Transfer Stations), and the Spreading, Compacting, Covering, and Other Heavy Equipment Services (Regional Sanitary Landfill Facility)** under a LOT-based procurement arrangement.

Lot No.	Facility	Type	Contract Period
Lot 1	Belize City Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 2	Burrell Boom Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 3	Belmopan Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 4	San Ignacio / Santa Elena Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 5	Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 6	Orange Walk Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 Months
Lot 7	Corozal Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 Months
Lot 8	Regional Sanitary Landfill – Mile 24, George Price Highway	Landfill	36 Months

GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. **Bidders may submit bids for one, several, or all lots**. Evaluation and award will be conducted **per lot.** Subject to demonstrated capacity to deliver, the Employer may award multiple Lots to a single Bidder.
b. This invitation is open to all eligible and qualified Bidders.
c. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders' attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.
d. The complete Bidding Document in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email addresses below:
Procurement Unit – MSDCCSWM, procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz
e. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.
f. A Site Presentation & Q&A will occur on the 8th of July 2026 at the Green Building Complex, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City, at 10:00a.m.
g. Bids must be delivered to the address indicated in the bidding document at or before **10:00 a.m**. on **July 17th, 2026.** Electronic bidding **shall not be permitted**. Late bids **will be rejected**.
h. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

MRT Inaugurates

Water System Expansion in Pomona Village

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government officially inaugurated the new Water System Expansion in Pomona Village on July 4, 2026. This event marked a critical investment in the Stann Creek District's rural infrastructure, aimed at providing a safe, consistent, and resilient water supply to the residents of Pomona, particularly as the community overcomes seasonal water challenges.

The new water system expansion introduces an independent, dedicated water source designed to bolster the community's existing infrastructure. Historically, Pomona has faced water strain and supply issues, especially during the dry season when demand peaks. This new infrastructure is fully powered by solar energy and includes a 40,000-liter ground-level reservoir, a newly constructed pump house, and a backup diesel generator equipped with full electrical components. By integrating this advanced setup into the network, the project directly alleviates pressure on the old system, ensuring a reliable water supply to households even during peak dry periods.

In addition to the new system infrastructure, the community received a significant consignment of pipes, fittings, and other plumbing materials provided directly by the Ministry of Rural Transformation. This crucial resource will empower the local water board to actively manage and facilitate the ongoing growth and expansion of Pomona Village, bringing dependable service to new households and developing areas.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a delegation of high-level officials, reflecting the national importance of rural development and water security. Present at the ceremony were Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation and representative of the Office of the Prime Minister, who delivered the keynote remarks; Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government; and Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Area Representative for Stann Creek West. They were joined by Mr. Valentino Shal, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry, as well as local village council and water board members.

The presence of national leadership alongside local stakeholders underscores the power of collaborative governance in achieving critical development goals. By strengthening the technical infrastructure and expanding Pomona's distribution capacity, the Ministry continues to fulfil its commitment to bridging service gaps, fostering climate resilience, and ensuring that rural communities are equipped with the independent, dependable services necessary for long-term economic stability and well-being. (release)

Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

Vacancy Announcement: Safeguards and Gender Officer

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Safeguards and Gender Officer under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting nature-based livelihoods and inclusive, people-centred conservation planning. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the GEF Project Manager, the Safeguards and Gender Officer will lead the implementation and monitoring of the project's Gender Action Plan (GAP), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). The Officer will ensure that gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental and social safeguards are fully integrated across all project components and that community engagement is conducted in an inclusive, equitable, and culturally sensitive manner.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and ensure gender mainstreaming across project activities
- Oversee compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Coordinate inclusive stakeholder consultations, including engagement with Indigenous and local communities
- Establish and manage the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- Develop safeguard instruments (e.g., ESMPs, IPPs, LRPs) as required
- Support reporting, monitoring, and capacity building on safeguards and gender integration

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Gender Studies, Social Sciences, Sustainable Development, or related field (advanced degree desirable).
- Minimum 3 years' experience in gender mainstreaming, social safeguards, and community engagement in Belize/Caribbean.
- Knowledge of safeguard frameworks, gender integration standards, and participatory planning.

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing**: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"Safeguards and Gender TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.

Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

Vacancy Announcement: Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of **Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management (MEK) Officer** under the **Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project**, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems and promotes nature-based livelihoods through a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative led by BBFP. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the MEK Officer will lead the implementation of the project's Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management systems. The Officer will ensure effective tracking of results, compliance with Government of Belize and WWF-GEF reporting requirements, and evidence-based adaptive management. The role includes maintaining the project Results Framework, overseeing work plan tracking, supporting Project Progress Reports, and strengthening partner monitoring systems across all project components.

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement and oversee the project's M&E Plan, Results Framework, and work plan tracking
- Monitor and analyse project performance data to support reporting and decision-making
- Support preparation of semi-annual and annual Project Progress Reports
- Conduct field verification visits and strengthen partner monitoring systems
- Design and manage a centralized M&E database
- Facilitate project learning, annual reviews, and knowledge products

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental science, Natural Resource Management, Program Evaluation, Statistics, Economics, or related field (Master's degree an asset).
- Minimum three (3) years' experience in M&E for donor-funded projects (e.g., GEF, UN, IDB, WB, CDB).
- Proven experience designing and implementing Results-Based Management (RBM) systems, indicators, baselines, and targets.
- Proficiency in statistical/analytical software (e.g., R, SPSS, Stata) and database tools (e.g., Excel, Smartsheet).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing**: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"M&E Officer TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.

Promises Made. Promises Delivered. Victory to People of Cayo Central!

Land Documents Delivered

July 7 - More than 75 Cayo Central residents received their long-awaited land documents through the unwavering commitment and tireless work of our Area Representative, Hon. Alex Balona. From purchase price letters and fiat receipts to collect land titles to permissions to survey and lease transfers, families are now one step closer to securing a better future through land ownership.

This is what true representation looks like—not just words, but real action that changes lives. Hon. Alex Balona continues to stand with the people, working relentlessly to ensure every deserving resident has access to the opportunities they have waited so long to receive.

The work continues, and the commitment remains stronger than ever. Together, we are building a stronger, brighter Cayo Central—one family at a time. (Cayo Central Post)

This is not the first time Hon. Balona is delivering to his constituents. Definitely, there is no bias to political colors as many residents who have attended the land clinics and were process received papers as early as 2023. To the naysays in Cayo Central who instead of pushing for development seek to sabotage the work of the PUP and the residents who have bought-in, welcome to the party. To the PUP's in Cayo who are not with Alex, stop doing the work of the incompetent UDP. Everyone is invited to join in and help develop the nation…one person, lot, house etc at a time.

Two Sides of Love

By Hon Gilroy Usher

I

1 Love causes firm jealousy confinement

2 It results in fights and imprisonment

3 Love ends with murder or separation

4 It spurs cheating, blindness ,and frustration

5 Love causes single life, nervous breakdown

6 It leaves broken families all around

II

7 Love is placing each other first daily

8 It's cherishing each other happily

9 Love is sharing all our times together

10 Forgiving and understanding for each other

11 Love supports each other dreams without strife

12 Like two doves love is togetherness for life

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 10/2026

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue
will be $64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Wednesday, 22 July 2026 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 21 October 2026.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 17 July 2026.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesday 22 July 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement
System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

7 July 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS LICENSE FOR AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, CHAPTER 229 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Access Communications Limited**, a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize and headquartered in Belmopan, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a **Class License to operate as an Internet Service Provider (ISP)**. The applicant intends to deploy critical business, residential, and social infrastructure internet services within the City of Belmopan and surrounding areas.

NATURE OF THE APPLICATION

The applicant intends to deploy a high-performance central internet network architecture utilizing a Hybrid Fiber Coaxial (HFC) network infrastructure based on DOCSIS 3.1 technology. This infrastructure is engineered to support wide-area Internet Broadband services, as well as digital solutions for local utilities, businesses, and residents including:

- **Internet Broadband Packages:** Network Powered High-speed internet services tailored for residential consumers and enterprise customers (PUC Applic... p. 1).
- **Digital Transformation & E-Services:** High-capacity internet connectivity for businesses, government e-services, localized enterprise cloud processing, and public internet access (PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).
- **Healthcare & Asset Monitoring:** Reliable channels for real-time medical data links and home-care patient monitoring systems (PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).
- **Utility Modernization Support:** Internet Protocol (IP) network solutions to safely carry Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and smart telemetry data for local utility operations (PUC Applic... p. 1, PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED NETWORK SOLUTIONS

The network will exclusively deploy approved, high-compatibility frequencies, physical infrastructure, and standard-compliant hardware in full compliance with PUC regulations:

- **Power over Ethernet (PoE) "Open Ethernet" Platform:** The network access platform is built on an open architectural framework engineered to power and support a wide range of EDGE active devices. The deployment strictly complies with **IEEE 802.3** (Standard Ethernet), **IEEE 802.3at** (PoE+), and **IEEE 802.3bt** (High-Power PoE) standards to guarantee hardware safety, structural interoperability, and energy efficiency.
- **2.4 GHz & 5.5 GHz Standard Bands:** Authorized, high-throughput wireless frequencies deployed to establish wide-area municipal wireless zones, secure corporate/government campus internet distribution, and local access layers (PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).
- **DOCSIS 3.1 HFC Network Infrastructure:** High-capacity data pipelines utilized to supply fixed line-based broadband directly to the customer access level (PUC Applic... p. 1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person or entity who wishes to make representations or objections regarding this application may do so in writing to the Public Utilities Commission (PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Executive Chairman
Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
P.O. Box 408, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize
Email: info@puc.bz | Website: www.puc.bz

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All representations must be received within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication (PUBLIC NOT... p. 1).

Attending Successful NPC
Port Loyola and other Divisions

On Saturday July 4th, Prime Minister Briceño delivered a lively and uplifting speech at the Russell 'Chiste' Garcia Auditorium in Dangriga Town, as he addressed hundreds of supporters from across the country at the National Party Conference (NPC) of the People United Party.

In attendance were Ministers, Area Representatives, Mayors, Councilors, and members of the Belize Youth Movement (BYM), the United Women's Group (UWG), and the Marshalls among others from the 31 divisions.

One of the highlights of the National Party Council (NPC) meeting was the passage of three resolutions. The first expressed solidarity with the people of Venezuela as they recover from a devastating earthquake. The second strongly supported the signing of a Partial Scope Agreement in Agriculture between Belize and El Salvador, which is expected to significantly increase opportunities for farmers and other businesspersons in both countries. The third and final resolution expressed appreciation for the record number of 115 individuals, who submitted their names as prospective candidates for the party in the municipal elections scheduled for March 2027.(see full transcript of resolutions in this issue of the Belize Times)

Inspiring speeches at the event were also delivered by Deputy P.M. Cordel Hyde, in addition to Mayor Robert Mariano of Dangriga Town and Dr Louis Zabaneh Minister / Area Representative for Dangriga who together hosted the NPC.

Belize Tax Service (BTS)
Ministry of Finance
Government of Belize

Request for Proposals for Consultancy for the Development of an Institutional Brand Strategy and Identity for the Belize Revenue Authority (Individual or Firm Selection)

Purpose

The purpose of this consultancy is to develop a comprehensive and cohesive institutional brand identity for the Belize Revenue Authority (BRA), that reflects its transformation into a modern, semi-autonomous revenue authority.

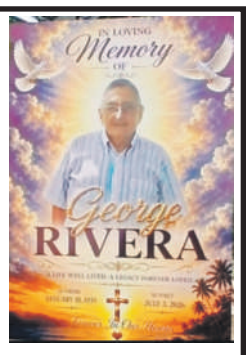
Specific Objectives of this Consultancy

I. Develop a Brand Strategy Framework aligned with the BRA's mandate and core values.
II. Design a visual identity system, including supporting elements.
III. Develop a Brand Manual and Brand Toolkit.
IV. Establish a Brand Messaging Framework for internal and external stakeholders.
V. Develop a Brand Implementation and Rollout Strategy.
VI. Ensure alignment of the brand with organizational culture and transformation objectives.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the consultancy can be requested from eddie.herrera@bts.gov.bz. Proposals must be submitted to the Director General of the Belize Tax Service by July 31, 2026 by 5:00 pm at michelle.longsworth@bts.gov.bz.

EULOGY FOR GEORGE RIVERA

Santa Familia, Cayo District
Sat. July 4th Written by Amy August
Delivered by Fidelina Majia



Today, we gather not only to say goodbye to our beloved Papa, George Rivera, but also to celebrate a life filled with love, faith, sacrifice, and family.

George was born in Carmelita to Eluvina and Julian Rivera, where he grew up surrounded by his brothers and sisters. He had a kind heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to joke that he had twelve girlfriends, but when he met the love of his life, Carmela Rivera, everything changed. He chose her, loved her with all his heart, and together they built a beautiful family with their six children: Gloria, Israel, Samuel, Oswald, Amparo, and Rut.

Papa was happiest when he was with his family. He enjoyed cattle's and horses, followed by selling vegetables at the market, or simply sitting with his children and grandchildren, those were the moments that brought him the greatest joy. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he looked forward to their visits every weekend.

As diabetes slowly affected his health, Papa faced many difficult battles. After his first surgery, we witnessed the incredible love he and Mama Carmela shared. While he was in the hospital, they would cry together during video calls because all they wanted was to be together. It reminded us all that true love never fades.

Then came one of the greatest heartbreaks of his life. During the COVID pandemic, Mama Carmela passed away, and Papa never had the chance to hold her hand or say goodbye. Losing the woman who cared for him, spoiled him with snacks, and stood by his side every day left an emptiness in his heart that never truly healed.

Just last August, before his second surgery, our family suffered another painful loss with the passing of his beloved daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Rivera. Once again, Papa's heart was broken. Yet through every loss and every hardship, he never lost his faith in God. He prayed faithfully for every one of his children and grandchildren. Even in his hardest days, he found joy in the little things—his chewing gum, his favorite snacks, and asking each visitor, "Did you bring me chewing gum and buy me credit?" Those simple words will forever make us smile through our tears.

After his second surgery and then a third, Papa continued to fight with courage. Sadly, he developed pneumonia, and God called him home.

Papa, thank you for loving us so deeply. Thank you for every prayer you said for us, every lesson you taught us, every smile you gave us, and every moment we shared together. We will miss your voice, your laughter, and your warm heart more than words can ever express.

Although our hearts are heavy today, we find comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pain. We believe you are finally reunited with Mama Carmela, the love of your life, and that you are resting peacefully in the presence of the Lord.

Until we meet again, Papa, thank you for everything. We love you beyond words, we will miss you every day, and you will forever live in our hearts.

(Condolence to Hon. Gilroy Usher)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

HYDROLOGICAL OFFICER – NATIONAL HYDROLOGY OFFICE

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-CEU-460811-CS-INDV
Duration: Twenty-Four (24) Months
Duty Station: National Hydrology Office, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: **July 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the "Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project", being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **"Hydrological Officer" for the National Hydrology Office within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change.**

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106

procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Hydrology Officer" – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project [Applicant's Name]

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Apolenai Camara** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"ALL-Stars Zone"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fenicon J. Purushvani** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Goody's Store"** located at # 16 Mahogany Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yolanda Teck** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Camp Zero Cool Spot"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan Median Cook** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nubes Restaurant"** located at # 62 Lousiana Farm Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sotera Mai** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ku Taste Temptation"** located in San Jose Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiomara R. Ramirez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Kajis Store"** located in Santa Martha Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose A. Hernandez/Maria G. Aguilar** are applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"M.J."** located in Santa Martha Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Roseany G. Carlos** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Knife & Fork Cool Spot"** located on Boundary Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Earl Dyck** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dah Bak Dhe"** located in Blue Creek Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alfredo Guemez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Beer Depot"** located in San Antonio Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gloria Tulcey** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Celina's Kitchen"** located at 9 Mls. P.G. Hwy., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lea Croft** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Crofty Grill"** located at # 24 Poinsettia Street, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Registration Section	Block	Parcel
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Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	368
The Freehold property of Mr. Rene Tun.		

3. Parcel No. 673 Mahogany Street, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Trial Farm	4	673
The Freehold property of Ms. Carmi Puck.		

4. Parcel No. 1344 San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Orange Walk Town	4	1344
The freehold property of Ms. Ginnel Ozaeta.		

5. Parcel No. 523 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
San Estevan	1	523
The Freehold property of Ms. Sue Ann Palomo.		

6. Lot No. 192 Near Mile 16.5 George Price Highway, Hattieville, Belize District:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 192 comprising 833.33 square yards of land situate in "Belize/American Site area, Hattieville, Belize District. The leasehold property of Mr. Denvor Fairweather.

7. Parcel No. 1382 Benque Veiio Del Carmen, Cayo District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Benque Veijo Del Carmen	23	1382
The Freehold property of Mr. Sammy Lobos.		

8. Parcel No. 4619 Society Hall, Unitedville Santa Elena, Cayo District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
United Village	24	4619
The Freehold property of Mr. Edwin Flowers.		

9. Lot No. 2282 Shawville, San Ignacio South, Cayo District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio South	23	2282
The Freehold property of Mr. Estevan Millian Jr.		

10. Lot No. 48 Hercules Avenue, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 48 comprising 572.864 square meters of land situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District. (The freehold property of Ms. Lourdes Rudon.)

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